

Introduction of 2014 Budget

by
the Millstone Township Board of
Fire Commissioners

Millstone
Township Fire
District #1

February 5, 2014



Mission Statement

“It is the mission of the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency response services to all citizens and property located in Millstone Township. Through incident response, public education, and code enforcement, we will provide the residents of Millstone Township with the highest quality of service possible consistent with the prudent utilization of public funds. We are dedicated to respect, integrity, leadership, and accountability amongst ourselves to insure that our career and volunteer firefighters are properly trained and equipped to serve our community.”



Presentation Agenda

- History of Fire District
- Station Staffing And Equipment
- Accomplishments of 2013
- Challenges for 2014
- 2014 Budget Summary
- Questions & Answers



Proudly Serving for 75 Years!

1938 - Millstone Township Fire Department
is Founded



1941- New Firehouse is Constructed (which
is now Community Center)



A History of Service

1977 - Current Firehouse is Constructed



1979 - Fire District #1 is Established



Proudly Serving for 75 Years!

1999 - First Career Firefighters Hired



Station 32-1

- 9 Full-Time Career Firefighters & Officers (9) *Comparison Figures from 2013
- 21 Active Volunteer Firefighters & Officers (20)
- Supported by:
 - 5 - Probationary Firefighters (4)
 - 1 - Fire Police (1)
 - 30 - Ladies Auxiliary (30)
 - 8 - Explorers (10)



Station 32-1

- 32-74 1997 International Engine
- 32-75 2008 Pierce Engine
- 32-85 1993 International Rescue Truck
- 32-90 2000 American LaFrance Tele-Squirt
- 32-94 1991 Dodge Ram 350 Brush Truck
- 32-95 2001 International Tanker (2000 gal.)
- 32-96 1990 Mack Engine and Tank Trailer
(6000 gal.)

Plus a complement of 4 command/utility vehicles and DECON trailer.



Accomplishments of 2013

679 Total Incidents (939)

16 Structure Fires (27)

22 Mutual Aid Responses for
Neighboring Communities (68)



July 12, 2013





Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold July 8, 2013





Mutual Aid to Jackson
September 19, 2013





Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold
February 10, 2013



Accomplishments of 2013

115 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (115)

- 12 Requiring Extrication (10)
- 6 Vehicle Fires (13)



Route 33





Stagecoach Road and
Schoolhouse Lane





Baird Road





Route 195 and
Route 537



Accomplishments of 2013

- 247 EMS Assists Under First Responder Program (260)
- 4 Medivac Helicopter Landing Zone Assistance (5)



Accomplishments for 2013

- 26 Power Lines Down/Electrical (172)
- 11 Brush Fires (16)
- 19 CO Detector Activations (4 calls with high readings) (32)
- 13 HazMat Incidents (16)



Accomplishments for 2013

Training and Drills for 2013

1695 Man-Hours for Drills/Preparedness

1204 Man-Hours for Classes/Training

2899 Total Man-Hours



Accomplishments of 2013

Ice Rescue Training



Accomplishments of 2013

Fire Prevention and Safety Activities

373 Fire Inspections (383)

103 Smoke Detector Compliance Inspections

4 Fire Investigations (5)

20 Station Tours/Public Education Programs

CPR Training for Township Employees and
Recreation Department

Free Home Fire Prevention and Inspection
Program

Free Barn Fire Prevention and Inspection
Program

Free Car Seat Safety Inspection
Program



Community Outreach

- Fire Prevention Week Programs at Schools
- Fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Accomplishments of 2013

- Explorers Program
- Operation Santa
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- MOMS Club of Millstone Township
- Sponsorship of Little League



Challenges for 2014

- Increased Operational Costs
 - Salaries
 - Health Insurance and Pension Contributions
 - Fire Fighting Equipment and Supplies
 - Misc. Operational Expenses
- Additional Challenges in 2014:
 - Phased replacement of SCBA packs with integral PASS alarms
 - Diesel exhaust evacuation system for substation



Summary

Total Budget for 2014: \$1,833,055
\$79,545 More Than Requested in 2013
(\$1,753,510)

One Question on the Ballot:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes - \$1,642,155
\$455 Less Than Requested in 2013
(\$1,642,610)



Summary

Proposed Local Fire Tax Rate – \$.1045
per \$100 of Assessed Value (\$.105)

No Tax Rate Increase for 2014!

Tax Rate Held Steady Due To:

Utilization of surplus from 2013
budget.

Utilization of \$65,000 from
Capital Reserve for
equipment purchases



Benefits to Millstone Township

- Fiscal Responsibility & Stability
- Continued Fire Protection and Public Safety Services to Meet the Needs of Millstone Township
- Improvements in Emergency Response, Protective Equipment, and Training



If the Budget Does Not Pass.....

- Lack of Necessary Equipment and Supplies
- Reduced Training and Preparedness
- Deferred Maintenance Leading to Reliability Issues
- Service/Firefighter Reductions
- Difficulties with Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Longer Response Times
- Higher Insurance Rates



Budget Vote and Commissioner Election

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00 PM to 9:00PM

at the Clarksburg Firehouse

461 Stagecoach Road

www.mtbfc.com

or

www.millstonefire.com





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Questions and Answers

